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SUBJ: PRESS ALLEGES HIGH-RANKING INDIAN IN CIA PAY

1. TIMES OF INDIA IN NEW DELHI AND HINDU IN MADRAS CARRY SIMILAR STORIES DECEMBER 10 FROM WASHINGTON STAFFERS KAMATH AND SAGAR, ALLEGING THAT A GOI OFFICIAL PASSED SENSITIVE SECRETS TO CIA IN EARLY 1971. THE INFORMATION PASSED WAS ALLEGED TO BE ABOUT SOVIET ACTION IN DISSUADING THE INDIANS FROM RECOGNIZING EAST PAKISTAN AS AN INDEPENDENT NATION BY CONCLUDING A FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH INDIA. THE NEW YORK TIMES WAS REPORTED TO HAVE A LU D TO THESE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS IN A STORY ON AUGUST 13, 1971, WHICH CAUSED THE "PLUMBERS UNIT" IN THE WHITE HOUSE TO FEAR THAT THE LEAK MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE LIFE OF THE SOURCE. THIS FEAR THEN IN TURN JUSTIFIED ATTEMPTS TO TRACK OWN SECURITY LEAKS. THE TIMES STORY IMPLIED THAT THE AGENT'S INFORMATION HAD BEEN SUPPLEMENTED OR CORROBORATED BY THE INTERCEPTION OF SOVIET RADIO-TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS VIA NSA SPACE SATELLITES. THE HINDU *TORY CONCLUDED WITH CONJECTURE THAT THE GOI "HAD REASONS TO SUSPECT THAT THE INFORMER MIGHT HAVE BEEN A MINISTER."

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2. WE ASSUME STORY BASED ON SOME PRESS STORY IN WASHINGTON
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